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I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT,
MEAL! I'VE NEVER SEEN
UNCLE HARRY ACT THIS WAY
BEFORE! IT BEGAN WHEN
I REMINDED HIM OF MY
BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK...
I'LL BE TWENTY-ONE...
LET'S GO IN A
MINUTE!

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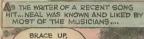
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AVALON. MAYBE HE JUST TOOK A WALK ... TO BE ALONE, OR ...



EVERYWHERE FOR HIM! IT'S NOT LIKE THIS WAY! I... I KNOW SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM!

I'VE LOOKED

FUNNY THING! BOPPY BEGAN TO ACT STRANGELY THE OTHER DAY AFTER A GUY CAME IN TO SEE HIM IT WAS THE SONG PUBLISHER, HARRY JEFFERSON!



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weird Gustanteed to shut hose,
the behavior of the talk of talk

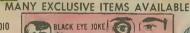
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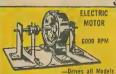
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HE LITTLE GROUP STOOD IN SILENCE AS BOPPY GATES STRODE OUT OF THE CLUB THEN, AS AWAKENING FROM A BAD DREAM, AVALON AYRES CRIED OUT....



UT BOPPY WAS GONE! WITH A SOB, AVALON SANK DOWN

BENCH. SITUATION HAD BECOME DOUBLY

ON THE PIANO TO NEAL, THE PUZZLING...













SOCATING
BOPPY'S HOTEL
WAS NOT AS
EASY AS NEAL
HAD AT FIRST
THOUGHT, FOR
HISTEAD OF
HIS BEING
AMONIG THE IS
PATRONIZED BY
THE MUSICIANS,
THEY FOUND IT
IN A MUCH LESS
RESPECTABLE
SECTION OF
THE CITY....





FAL PAUSED LONG ENOUGH TO STUDY
THE SHABBY STRANGER MOMENTARILY....
THEN HANDED HIM A BILL....

AS THEY PREPARED TO LEAVE THE DINGY HOTEL, A RASPY VOICE CAME TO THEM FROM THE LOBBY AND NEAL AND AVALON WHIRLED ABOUT...







WAIT FOR
THE STRANGER
TO FINISH!
HE HAILED
A TAXI FOR
AVALON AND
DICECTED THE
DRIVER TO
TAKE HER
HOME, THEN
HE GRABBED
ANOTHER CAB
FOR HIMSELE...



BOUNDED OUT OF THE TAXI AND HURRIED DOWN THE ROUGH EMBANKMENT/





SUDDENLY THE DOOR WAS JERKED OPEN FROM WITHIN, AND A LARGE HAND CLOSED OVER NEAL'S WRIST/



DEFORE HE COULD REGAIN
HIS BALANCE, HE FOUND
HIMSELF FLAT ON THE
FLOOR.... WITH TWO
HUNDRED POUNDS
SITTING ASTRIDE HIM....

HE SENT YOU, DIDN'T HE?!! SENT YOU TO GET ME, JUST LIKE HE SENT AFTER BOPPY! AND LIKE HE'LL...





CONVINCED OF NEAL'S
IDENTITY, RIVERBOAT
BEGAN AN EXPLANATION
OF THE STRANGE
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS...

THERE ARE THREE OF US WHO KNOW ABOUT

HIM! HE WANTS TO GET
US OUT OF THE WAY....



THE SONG PUBLISHER, HARRY JEFFERSON!
HE WANTED SO BADLY TO BE IN THE MUSIC
BUSINESS THAT HE STOLE THE FORTUNE
LEFT BY HIS BROTHER! HE USED THE
MONEY TO SET HIMSELF UP AS A PUBLISHFR....AND TO KEEP IT GOING WHEN



YOU SEE, BOPPY AND I KNEW HARRY IN WHEN HE WAS NOTHING BUT A HONKY TONK OPERATOR! WHEN BOPPY SHOWED UP HERE IN THE BIG TOWN, HARRY GOT SCARED, I SUPPOSE, AND TRIED TO HAVE BOPPY RUBBED OUT! HE FAILED, AND BOPPY LEFT TOWN.... HARRY'LL BE AFTER ME NEXT!



HIS NIECE JILL ... WILL FIND OUT ABOUT HARRY'S THEFT WHEN SHE'S TWENTY-ONE!



LEAL'S LONG LEGS CARRIED HIM AT TOP SPEED TO THE NEAREST TELEPHONE..... WHERE WITH SHAKING HANDS HE DIALED JILL'S



ONCE AGAIN NEAL FLAGGED A TAXT WHICH IN A SHORT TIME WAS PULLING UP BEFORE THE THURSTON BUILDING WHERE HARRY'S OFFICE WAS!



ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR NEAL TIPTOED STEALTHILY TO THE DOOR OF HARRY'S OFFICE



THERE'S SOMEONE LEAVING THE OFFICE AT THE END OF THE HALL! MAYBE



WINTHE DEPARTING OFFICE WORRER DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW, NEAL RACED TO THE SLOWLY CLOSING DOOR!



LINSIDE THE STRANGE OFFICE NEAL BOUNDED ACROSS TO THE WINDOW!



EANWHILE, IN HIS OFFICE ON THE SAME FLOOR, HARRY JEFFERSON SPOKE TO HIS NIECE, JILL. HIS VOICE WAS SOFT, BUT HIS EYES WERE AS COLD AS STEEL!

THE COMBINED INFORMATION OF YOU, BOPPY GATES AND RIVERBOAT ... IS ENOUGH TO SEND ME TO PRISON, JILL!
IT'S A PITY THAT I CAN'T
PERMIT YOU TO LEAVE THIS OFFICE ALIVE ...



RESSED AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING, EIGHT STORIES ABOVE THE DIZZYING SCENE BELOW ... NEAL FOUND THE GOING DIFFICULT...



GAREFULLY, INCH BY INCH, NEAL MADE HIS WAY ALONG THE NARROW LEDGE.....



NO... I WAS NEVER MORE SERIOUS IN MY LIFE, MY DEAR' IT PAINS ME TO DO THIS, BUT IT IS ... SHALL WE









YES...YOU'RE ENTIRELY
RIGHT, OF COURSE! THERE'S
NOTHING TO DO BUT GIVE
UP! I SUPPOSE MY DESIRE
TO BECOME A BIG MUSIC
PUBLISHER WAS TOO
GREAT.... TOO OVERWHELMING....AND
THE MEN I HIRED FOR
THE DIRTY WORK MUST
BE PUNISHED TOO! I'LL
GIVE THEIR
NAMES!



I WAS TOO IMPATIENT

TO WORK FOR SUCCESS!

AND THE MONEY LEFT BY

MY BROTHER MEANT SO





THE WHOLE DEAL'S COCKEYED-CRAZY-BUT YOU KNOW THAT THE GOOD OLD WORLD FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOUR MENT FEW WORDS! AND YOU CAN DO 15 RE-THEMBER HOW HAPPY-GO-LUCKY YOU WERE, TWENTY-ROTH HORES AGO DOWN



... BACK AT THE TELEVISION STUDIO JUST BEFORE THE SHOW ...



AT FIVE THOUSAND BUCKS A WEEK, I'D BE NUTS IF I DIDN'T GIVE IT A WHIRL! LEAD ME TO THEM STUDIO

WORDS FOR THE WEARY...
THAT WAS THE NAME OF YOUR
SHOW! AND IT WAS NOTHING SHOW, AND IT WAS NOTHING MORE NOR LESS THAN AN ENDLESS PARADE OF MISER-ABLE PEOPLE BARING THEIR PROBLEMS BEFORE TY CAMERAS ...



AND WHAT WAS YOUR ROLE ? AND WHAT WAS YOUR ROLE? YOU INTERVIEWED THEM... GETTING ALL THE SORDID DE-TAILS OUT OF THEM, AND THEN SENT THEM PACKING WITH BROMIDES OF USELESS ADVICE.



ONCE A WEEK . THE CAMERAS CAUGHT THE PARADE OF MISERY WITH UNFEELING DRUM MAJOR ! ONCE WEEK. MOH COLLECTED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! AND YOUR POPULARITY RATING KEPT AND HIGHER ...





BUT YOU WERE ALWAYS HAPPY TO GET HANDE! AT HANDE YOU COULD RELAX AND RELAX AND RELAX FOR COULD WORLD... AND YOU WERE HAPPY YOU AND THE WHERE WILLY... YOUNG OT JUNIOUS TO FULLY...



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LATER THAT NIGHT, YOU WERE RESTLESS, AND YOU WENT FOR A WALK...

YOU'LL BE BACK SOON, WON'T YOU, DARLING! KEEP ME AWAY! BUT JUST AFTER YOU'D ROUNDED A CORNER...



YOU BLACKED OUT AFTER THAT-AND WHEN YOU CAME TO, YOU WERE INSIDE A FLYING SAUCER...









YOU FIGURED IF



WHEN YOU HIT THE JOINT, THEY GAVE YOU THE V. I. P. TREATMENT ...



STILL BOWING, THEY HUSTLED YOU RIGHT TO THIS BIG ARENA...



YES! OUR WAR COUNCIL HAS VOTED YES! OUR WAR COUNCIL HAS VOTE FOR THE INVASION, BUT THE PEOPLE AT LARGE VOTED TO BRING EARTH'S WISEST MAN UP HERE., TO DESTE WITH THE COUNCIL, LEADER., TO GIVE REASONS FOR EARTH'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE! AND IF YOUR REASONS ARE GOOD ONES ... WE SHALL NOT MOUNT



YOU TRIED TO WORM OUT OF IT! YOU TRIED TO EKPLAIN THAT YOU WERE NOTHING BUT A RATTLEBRAIN WITH A SMOOTH TONGUE. BUT THEY HAD YOU TICKETED FOR EARTH'S NUMBER ONE BRAIN, AND NOTHING WOULD SWAY THEM...

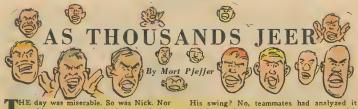
THE EARTHLINGS ARE GREEDY...
THEY STEAL FROM ONE ANOTHER!
THEY ARE FULL OF HATRED! THEY
ENGAGE IN LONG BLOODY WARS!
IT IS OUR DUTY TO THE COSMOS
TO WIPE FROM SPACE
THAT FESTERING
BLOT OF CORRUPTION!

QUITE A SPEAKER THAT QUY...QUITE A CASE HE'S BUILT UP! AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN. MR. BLEEDING HEART! THEY'RE WAITING! THEY'RE WAITING FOR YOUR LIPS TO MOVE AND THE WORDS TO COME OUT...



YOU'VE ALWAYS OLD WORLD! BUT WHOEVER STOPPED TO THINK OUT WHY ? HOW CAN WAY, HOW CAN
YOU PUT YOUR
VAGUE FEELINGS
THAT IT'S JUST
A SWELL PLACE
TO LIVE ON AND
THAT FOLKS ARE REALLY GOOD REALLY GOOD
AT HEART, INTO
WORDS THAT'LL
SOUND CONVINCING ? BECAUSE
THAT'S JUST
WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, MR. BLEEDING HEART! THE GOOD OLD DEPENDS ON YOUR NEXT FEW WORDS. CAN YOU DO IT?





HE day was miserable. So was Nick. Nor was his a strange attitude, considering that currently the only thing he led the league in was sighs. Truly a lofty tumble from his last year's eminence as batting champion. Today's foul weather had already caused the postponement of the game, but it was only a temporary reprieve. Tomorrow, he'd again drag himself up to the plate and make futile gestures with his bat at the pellet he now found so elusive. Why the very last time he had even so much as laid wood to the ball had been weeks ago in Chicago! And that effort had resulted in a towering pop-up to the second baseman who had disdainfully caught in his cap.

Looking back to the old days, he recalled with pleasure the many times he had come to bat and laid the good lumber to the horsehide and sent it soaring over the leftfield fence. What a thrill to trot around the bases grinning derisively at both the opposing team and hometown fans. Yes, the hometown fans! In his salad days, Nick had never been popular with fans. You see, he had been one of those brash players who had held the baseball fan in no higher regard than he would a baboon. He had deliberately alienated them; spurned their attempts at friendship, and what feats he had accomplished with his bat had been to spite them. They longed to see him fail, and, so to annoy them, he had performed heroically, wearing the while a contemptuous smirk. easter exists

The present sympathetic attitude of the local rooters, though, demonstrated clearly to Nick how wrong he had been. True, when first he had started whiffing they had cheered his failure as better news than a pennant winner. But as time and the other teams flew by, their manner had changed to one of acute sympathy. It wasn't fair to kick a man when he was down—and Nick was not merely down, but about six feet under! Now when he came to bat, his efforts (no matter how puny) were greeted with uproarious cheers, the fans hoping that this collective vote of confidence would snap him out of his basehit lethargy.

But it didn't. Well, what could be wrong?

His swing? No, teammates had analyzed it and it remained the same, smooth cut, with the one notable exception that it no longer hit anything. His stance? No, movie cameras attested that his out-sized brogans remained planted in the old familiar way. His eyes? No, leading eye doctors took their oath that his orbs were only slightly lower in efficiency than those of a healthy hawk.

Nothing had changed. Nothing, that is, except his batting average and the fans' attitude! The fans! Wait! It was a mad thought, wilder than a southpaw screwballer, but still desperate measures were in order. Better to go down trying than to have the manager send him to the Belgian Congo.

Quickly, Nick grabbed his hat and dashed out of the lobby. A cab fetched him to an obscure part of town, where he whispered a few words into the ear of a workman. (No sense telling you what kind of a workman, or our story ends right here.) Money changed hands and soon Nick was back in the lobby, clutching several little packets, four by six inches in size.

"Oh, Peterson," the manager hailed him. "About your slump . . ."

*"Don't worry about that, Skipper. Effective as of tomorrow, the slump will be only a memory. It'll be as dead as the spitball."

! So saying, Nick slapped the manager on the back and hurried toward the elevator. So carried away by enthusiasm was he that he so far forgot himself as to fling the astonished attendant a nickel tip. The astonished eyes of the manager were witness to this last act of madness, and secured his conviction that Nick had at last given in mentally to his slump. Oh, well, he'd give him one more chance tomorrow. That failing, he could always trade him away to a sanatorium.

Nick was at the park early the next mornlng. At it, but not in it. And such was his intention as he loitered outside the bleacher entrance, greeting each arrival with a smile and a handshake. In the process of the latter, Nick managed to transfer a little card from his hand to each bleacherite.

Little card? Wby, sure. Remember the little

four by six pockets that Nick had ordered? Well, they were now broken open and being employed to what Nick hoped would be good

"Hey, Nick, what do these cards mean?" asked one customer.

"Just read and comply, friend, Read and comply" replied Nick,

Soon the cards were finished. But there still remained the little matter of a batting slump. Was it also finished? Well, it wouldn't take long to determine. Nick quickly changed into his uniform, managing to elude both the icy glare and catcher's mask that the manager tossed at him for his tardiness.

When Nick stepped to the plate for the first time, the bases were loaded. And there was every prospect of their remaining so. Two were already out, and the way Nick had been going lately, his going down was virtually assured to be safer than a Jackie Robinson steal of second.

How many, many times had Nick failed in similar situations lately! Well, the situation was not quite as familiar as those of recent vintage, for this trip Nick was greeted with a thundering chorus of boos. So noisy was the disapproval that it made the swellbof a mighty ocean sound for all the world like a gnat with larvngfits.

It was obvious now to the manager and Nick's teammates that the faithful had at last lost patience with their slugless slugger: This was confirmed as the opposing twirler buzzed two quick strikes by Nick who stood at the plate even more woodenly than his bat. Did they boo? Ever been to the zoo at feeding time? The manager hesitated. Should he yank Nick to avert bloodshed? Oh, what odds? Suppose the angry mob did dismember him. It would save a lot of typing and paperwork when it came time to make out Nick's unconditional release. Let the big dope take one more strike-and then a fast freight to a faraway place with a strange sounding name in Class D ball.

But what was that crack? Had an irate bleacherite snapped Nick's spinal column? No, Nick had put the wood against the ball and in turn put the pill against the leftfield fence. The hit was good enough to score two runs and save Nick's life.

As the game wore on, Nick continued to wear out the baseball. His big bat boomed a couple of round-trippers that distance-wise should have counted double. Then there was a sprinkling of wrong field singles and triples, just enough to show that Nick had regained

his place hitting ability as well as his power.

Apparently, Nick's slump was over. Yet there was still one discordant note. No matter how noble and timely his batting endeavors, all were greeted by the same indignant growls by the fans. Indeed, the more effective the hit, the louder the jeers that greeted it. Yet through it all, Nick remained unruffled. Each time he crossed the plate, he tossed a snarl in the direction of the stands, occasionally alternating with a change-of-pace sneer.

Then, just when it seemed as though the United States Marines would have to save Nick from the ire of the fans, the game ended. His teammates formed a protective cordon around him and escorted him to the clubhouse. Quickly, the manager barricaded the door with a couple of utility infielders and drew Nick into the sanctuary of his office.

"Now don't get all excited about the fans booing me, Skipper," Nick said laughingly. "Things worked out just the way I planned. You see, I realized yesterday that I couldn't break my slump with them cheering me. Remember how well I used to wallop the apple when I thought it made them mad?"

The manager nodded solemnly. "Yes, but I

still don't see how . . ."

"Simple," answered Nick, extracting one of his little cards from his jacket. He paused, then read it aloud: "Don't cheer—jeer! I'll never get a hit until you fans start to hate me as you used to. Despise me the way you used to and assure our winning the pennant. Hatefully yours, Nick Petersen."

He was listened to in respectful silence by his boss. When Nick had finished reading, he banged a locker in glee. "The cards did the trick. Now that the fans hate me again, I'll be banging that horsehide to a fare-thee-well." So long. Skipper, see you tomorrow."

UT Nick wasn't in the lineup next day. In fact, he wasn't even in the park. Naturally, the reporters were curious as to his absence after yesterday's day of days. Cornered by their eager questions the manager evealed the details of Nick's hate me cards.

"Yes, but where IS Nick today?" chorused

the press. .

"Well, one of the fans took Nick a little too literally about hating him," sighed the manager. "As Nick left my office last night, this guy conked him with a pop bottle. Yep," he said, heading for the field, "Nick's out of his slump—and in a couple of days he'll be out of his coma!"

THE END

















HECK, NO WONDER & DIUN MAKE , HE GRADE SEFORE, TIM. IT TOOK 'SLACK' BEAUTY' AND BONOMG'S COURSE TO SHOW ME REAL TRAINING. WHAT TERRIFIC ROUTINES! OFFET SHY CLAMS

WEEKS LATED

NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE WINNAH AT THE ARENA TONITE THE NEW STAR... VIBEO VIC.

IM PROUD TO KNOW YOU, VIDEO VIC. MY WIFE AND I SAW YOU WIN THA LAST MIGHT. IVE GOT BIG PLANS FOR YOU HERE

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F GLAD YOU'RE HERE, LIEUTENANT! IT'S OUR WITNESS, ALL RIGHT! AND IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT., THAT'S FOR SURE! FOUND LUNDER THE PIER A WILLE AGO BY SOME KIDS! WONDER WHAT THE PAPERS'LL





NOT NECESSARILY.
THE CURRENT IS
VERY STRONG
RIGHT HERE. HE
COULD HAVE
DRIFTED A
LONG WAY.

THAT PUTS THE SHOOTING TWO DAYS BEFORE THE TRIAL AND THE BODY DISPOSED OF MOST ANYWHERE ON THE WATERFRONT. NOT MUCH TO GO ON.





THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I KNOW OF TO SMORE THESE GUYS OUT. FIRST I WANT THEM TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF WORRYING. NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY...











I DON'T BELIEVE IT! STILL, THAT GUY









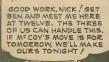






IT'S TRUE, SID, I CHECKED
THE PHONE PIRECTORY, AND
HE'S REALLY ELROY SMITH
AT 428 OCEANIC! IT'S ALL
ON THE LEVEL! M'CO-Y'S
WITH HIM NOW!















YOU'RE WRONG, SMITH... I'M
THE ONE WHO SHOTHIM! JUST
LIKE YOU'RE GONNA GET IT RIGHT
NOW! THANKS FOR THE LIGHTS,
YOU MAKE A BETTER TARGET!



SC YOU DID IT!
THAT'S FUNNY I'P
HAVE SWORN IT
WAS THIS
MAN!

I WAS THERE
ALL RIGHT... BUT
YOU AIN'T GONNA
PASS THE INFORMATION
ALONG!





MEET THE REAL SMITH, HILTON! HE'S A LAWYER... WITH A HOBBY THAT WILL INTEREST YOU BOYS. HE MAKES HOME MOVIES. GOOD ONES, TOO. LET'S MOVE THOSE TWO CHAIRS APART SGT, AND GIVE THEM A PREVIEW OF WHAT IS GOING TO CONVICT THEM!



THESE LIGHTS THAT
WERE GOING TO MAKE
ME SUCH A GOOD TARGET
SHOULD SHOW YOU UP
NICE AND CLEAR! AND
WE'VE GOT A SOUND
TRACK, TOO.



YOUR OWN
CONVERSATION
WITH THE SGT.
CONVICTED YOU!
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